



UPB's Booi quits politics

BONAIRE--UPB leader Ramoncito Booi has confirmed that he is retiring from active politics and will not be on his party's candidate list in the January 22 elections for the Antillean Parliament.

On the 40th anniversary of the green party, the current political leader said "it's time to hang up the gloves and pass the baton to the new generation."

Booi does plan to remain in the Island Council until its four-year term has been completed on July 1, 2011.

He said his decision had nothing to do with his home and those of other prominent UPB members being searched as part of a drug-money-laundering investigation six weeks ago. Neither is he planning to move to the US, where his son plays American football at Wake Forest University, as some have suggested.

"I was born in Bonaire and I will continue living here until God takes me into His Kingdom," he said. □

Fantastic Marriott Pink Walk & Fashion Show, supporting the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation



PALM BEACH – During the month of October, the Marriott resort conducted a series of Breast Cancer Awareness activities culminating with a Pink Walk in cooperation with neighboring resorts followed by a spectacular fashion show in the Marriott's hotel lobby. The initiative to organize a Pink Ribbon event hailed from the Recreation department of the Marriott Aruba Vacation Club. "We wanted to create awareness about breast cancer in the local community and among guests and raise funds to support the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation," says Shuraima Henriquez, Ocean Club & Surf Club Recreation Manager.

Our images show the tremendous community support received by the Pink Walkers which started their journey between La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club and the Amsterdam Manor on Eagle Beach. Walkers in special Pink Ribbon tee-shirts passing the high-rise hotel area were greeted with much enthusiasm by visitors and locals alike. They enjoyed having their pictures snapped by appreciative visitors, recognizing Aruba's participation in the international promotion. The Pink Walk



ended at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, where refreshments were served.

The spectacular fashion show which followed was a first for the island. Balloon dresses designed by Marriott associate Gislaine Croes, Aruba Marriott Ocean Club and Surf Club Activities Supervisor, were trotted down the catwalk by Koma Models, on the raised portion of the resort lobby.

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De Palm Tours maintains a lobby activity desk, a dive center and a beach shop within the resort, providing guests at the popular all-inclusive with many exciting optional features. Pictured here the Occidental Grand Aruba bell staff,



the front desk agents, the concierge agents, and various members of management, mingling with De Palm Tours agents, and members of management, who all reported having a fantastic time on board the spacious, comfortable & fast Palm Pleasure. □



Now gearing up for International Event

Amazing winners at Bacardi Mojito Beach Tennis Ranking Tournament



MOOMBA BEACH - There was lots of action during the past Bacardi Mojito Beach Tennis Ranking tournament last Sunday, as every player wanted to get a few more matches behind his belt in preparation for the upcoming



International Beach Tennis Tournament. This exciting event will be held from November 13 – 15 at MooMba Beach.

World-ranked professional teams from Brazil, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Bermuda and the

US will be battling it out on Aruba, joined by countless local teams in their own categories (Fun, Intermediate, Advanced and Pro). You can already look up the site: www.arubabeachtennis/internationalevent and register.

But back to last Sunday: the sun was hot, the drinks cold and the ambiance terrific, as always. Around 120 players showed up to play and the winners in the various categories were:

Fun Ladies: 1. Mirjam Jongbloets/Mite v.d. Berg; 2. Janien Huistra/Esmé Hendriks

Ladies Advanced: 1. Danielle van Staveren/Yvette Fransen; 2. Hennie Groot Antink/Michelle Marlenee

Ladies Pro: 1. Kim Tilleman/Jolanda Sluys; 2. Julia de Ruyter/Yvonne Balgool

Mixed Fun: 1. Stephen/Claudia 2. Reinier van Sisseren/Danielle

Mixed Advanced: 1. Rixt Kramer/Jose Marin; 2. Jacoby Olree/Bas Boswinkel

Fun Men: 1. Jeroen Gerfen/Richard v.d. Burg; 2. Rik van Voorst/Robert Ballast

Men Advanced: William van Ramshorst/Fabrizio Battagallia; 2. Jenner Florez/



Oscar Helmeyer
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Bugaloe Manager Myrthe Veltman, Heineken Representative Jarino Toppenberg and Bugaloe bartender Erik during the closing of the sponsoring agreement.

PALM BEACH - Sunday November 8th the popular Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill is organizing a new edition of its spectacular Beach Volleyball Tournament.

Locals and tourists are teaming up to participate in this fun filled tournament that takes place on the white powered sand of Palm Beach right in front of Bugaloe Beach Bar

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There will be 3 team categories FUN (6 players), ADVANCED (4 players) and PRO (2 players). A whole line up of Aruba's best DJ's will play their tunes while you can enjoy special prices on Amstel Bright and Heineken.

Everybody is welcome to visit, even when you are not playing. The after party takes place at Bugaloe Beach Bar where the band Abstract Dawn will perform live on stage. Radio station Cool FM will provide live radio and video coverage of the event.

"It's our goal to target a wide audience, so we are happy that together with main sponsor Heineken Aruba, we can offer a bottle of Amstel Bright or Heineken for just US\$ 3.00 that day," Bugaloe manager Myrthe Veltman says. "It's going to be a fun day in the true Bugaloe tradition. Fun, friends and happiness are the key elements. What else do you need on a Sunday?" Myrthe rhetorically asks with a smile.

The volleyball event starts at 9am and will last whole day. It's already possible to sign up. At www.ArubaBeachVolleyball.com you will find all the details and as well as a registration form. ☐



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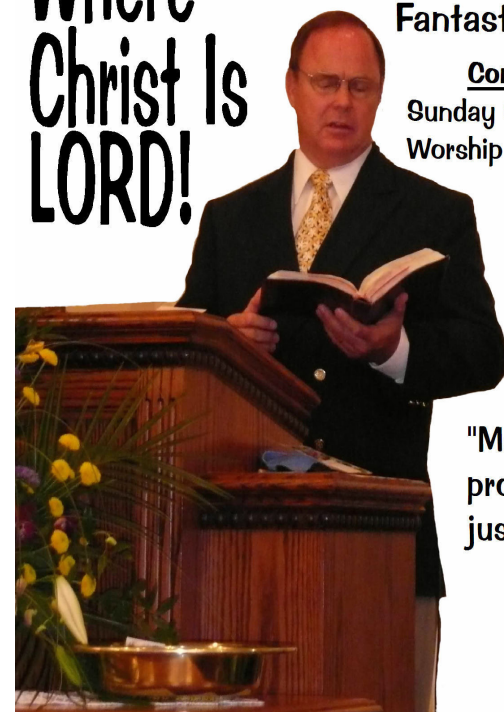
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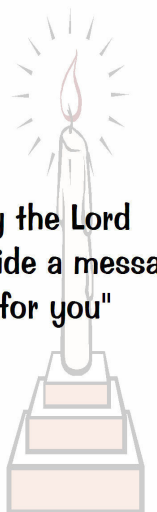
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By Presidential Caribbean Cup

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the Presidential Caribbean Cup will call this island nation home, as it hosts its first truly international billfishing competition. The event is tentatively scheduled for October 20-22, 2010, which should coincide perfectly with the height of the marlin

season.

Aruba enjoys a sunny climate and offers a stable government, safe, family-friendly environment, good year-round weather out of the hurricane belt and convenient air service, in addition to magnificent beaches, world-class SCUBA diving and fantastic billfishing. While the island's offshore action has mostly flown under the radar of the international angler, the 2010 Presidential Caribbean Cup is set to change that, as teams from around the world descend upon the island.

"For years, the area's marlin fishery has been somewhat unknown just because there haven't been many boats fishing specifically for billfish," according to tournament coordinator Joan Vernon. "But in the past few seasons, Capt. Bubba Carter, Capt. Butch Cox and others have made exploratory trips to Aruba and have found excellent fishing for both blue and white marlin with the occasional sailfish. We look forward to bringing the Presidential Caribbean Cup to Aruba in order to showcase just how good the fishing can



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About the The Presidential Challenge Charitable Foundation, Inc

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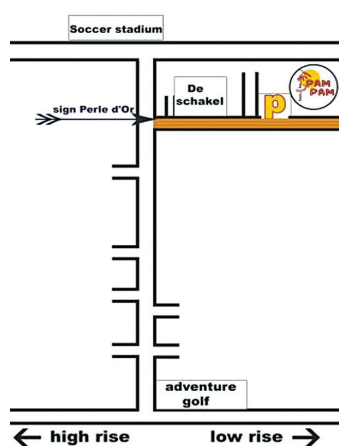
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Pam-Pam Café is situated in a delightful tropical setting that is the perfect backdrop for a show by 2002 World Salsa Champions Janice and Oslin Boekhoudt, who run their Pachanga Dance School

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When you want to see restaurants menu, visit: www.visitaruba.com Phone; 5877710 or 5932660



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Fashion show emcee Rona Coster introduced the models to the audience, resulting in a burst of camera flash lights. At the end of the show members of the audience posed with the models against a modest donation with all proceeds raised by tee-shirt sales, pink



Fantastic Marriott Pink Walk & Fashion Show, supporting the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation



walk registrations and photo opportunities dedicated to the Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation.

In 2007, the Marriott organized a beach walk which raised funds towards the same cause, collecting approximately Awg 1,000 in just one day. This year

the Marriott Ocean & Surf Club Recreation department added weekly events on Thursdays during the entire month of October, and guests were encouraged to create their own tie-dye tees and thread "pink ribbon" beads, purchase calendars, buy cakes and other merchandise which

was also sold to generate additional funds. The Mary Joan Breast Cancer Foundation will receive the check on November 1st. A great thank you to the Koma Models and Martin of Beauty Team for the fantastic make up job, special thanks to Playa Linda Beach Resort,



La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club, the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa, the Aruban Resort, and many more. □



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slow-roasted meats. A selection of fresh lettuces and vegetables may be standard for most salad bars, but **Texas de Brazil's** version goes a gourmet twist further, treating the palate to additional items like marinated portabella mushrooms, sweet roasted bell peppers, hearts of palm, sundried tomatoes, imported cheeses—including fresh buffalo mozzarella—sushi, home-made soups, and much more.

The salad bar is included in the continuous service meal with unlimited choices from the grilled meats, but for vegetarians or the non-meat eaters, a special price is offered for just the salad bar. Of course, for those looking to splurge while on vacation, **Texas de Brazil** will gladly serve their garlic mashed potatoes, traditional fried plantains, and their world-famous parmesan cheese bread as part of the meal.

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Council of Ministers approves draft amendments to ERNA

~ Seven commissioners proposed for St. Maarten ~



Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage.

PHILIPSBURG--The Council of Ministers approved a draft law Wednesday that will amend the Islands Regulation of the Netherlands Antilles ERNA 1951 to, among other things, increase the number of commissioners in St. Maarten from five to seven.

The draft amendments also seek to increase the membership of St. Maarten's Island Council from 11 to 15 and to allow for the dissolving of the Island Councils of Curaçao and St. Maarten "before their terms of office expire."

In a statement Thursday night, Constitutional and Home Affairs Minister Roland Duncan

explained that the draft law, part of the package of legislation executing constitutional change, "is a further necessary and important step in the constitutional process moving St. Maarten closer to country status."

The draft amendments were proposed by Duncan and Prime Minister Emily de Jongh-Elhage.

Duncan explained that the proposed amendment to increase the number of commissioners in St. Maarten from five to seven would go into effect once the law was promulgated.

"These additional Commissioners cannot be members of the Island Council. A maximum of five Island Council members are allowed to be Commissioners at the same time, [but] by increasing the number of commissioners, the Executive Council of St. Maarten will be better able to handle the additional authority, powers and workload resulting from the transfer of powers and authority to the territory from the Central Government," he said.

Duncan noted that provision had

been made for seven ministries for country St. Maarten and with the proposed amendment to the ERNA this situation could be mirrored before the new status went into effect.

Duncan explained that the proposed amendment to increase the membership of St. Maarten's Island Council from 11 to 15 would become effective only "after the next Island Council election."

The term of the current Island Council is scheduled to run until mid-2011, but even before then – by October 10, 2010 – St. Maarten should have its new status as a separate country within the Dutch Kingdom with a 15-member Parliament replacing the 11-member Island Council.

Duncan explained that it was

being proposed that the ERNA be amended "to allow the Island Councils of St. Maarten and Curaçao to be dissolved prematurely – before their terms of office expire – thereby creating the possibility of early elections for the Island Councils to introduce the parliaments of the new countries in 2010."

The draft law has been forwarded to the Advisory Council for advice and to the island territories for their comments. "Once the required responses are received the draft legislation will be submitted to the Parliament of the Netherlands Antilles, where a two-thirds majority vote is needed for approval."

Duncan said he would strive to have the draft legislation approved by Parliament before



Constitutional and Home Affairs Minister Roland Duncan

the end of this year, so that it could become effective along with other constitutional legislation already in progress, such as the draft ordinance to transfer the powers and authority of the Central Government, which has already been submitted to the Advisory Council. □

Advisory committee seeking more time

~ Draft NHIS report has to be translated ~

PHILIPSBURG--The St. Maarten Chamber of Commerce and St. Maarten Hospitality and Trade Association have denied reports reaching The Daily Herald of a boycott by their members on government's advisory committee of deliberations about the new National Health Insurance System (NHIS) for Country St. Maarten.

Both organisations indicated to The Daily Herald that there were some concerns linked to the fact that the draft report had been submitted to the advisory committee in Dutch.

Government has given the advisory committee 10 days to make recommendations and give advice on the issues at stake, but the committee believes this is insufficient time, as the entire report will have to be translated into English. Some stakeholders on the advisory committee formulated this concern in a letter sent to the Executive Council.

It was reported earlier this week that the Executive Council had presented a document to the advisory committee for the new National Health Insurance System for Country St. Maarten. Plans have been developed and terms of reference drafted for an extensive review of medical tariffs, a comprehensive health information system and a communication plan to facilitate and guide the introduction process.

The advisory committee is made up of stakeholders such as health care providers, insurance companies, patient organisations, social partners and the private sector.

It is government's intention to introduce this system as of the date of obtaining country status, 10/10/10. Therefore final decision-making concerning the new system by the Island Council is critical before the end of 2009. □



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BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS: Expert: Woman who died in BVI trip had panic issue

TORTOLA, British Virgin Islands – A U.S. woman whose husband is accused of killing her during a scuba dive had a history of panicking underwater, a professor testified Friday. Shelley Tyre referred to her weight belt and buoyancy vest as “panic problems” in her dive log, said Glen Egstrom, a retired kinesiology professor from the University of California, Los Angeles, where he led diving safety research projects. He said that Tyre, 46, also wrote that she abandoned her dive partner one time and that the person “rightfully” decided not to dive with her again.

Defense attorneys maintain that Tyre’s death was a “tragic accident,” but prosecutors contend that her husband, David Swain, killed her to pursue another woman. The Rhode Island couple dove together on the last day of their March 1999 trip to the British Virgin Islands. Swain, 53, testified that they went their separate ways underwater and that he tried to resuscitate her when a friend found Tyre’s body after Swain had already surfaced. Experts have testified that they believe Swain wrestled Tyre from behind, tore off her mask and shut off her air supply. Her fin was later found embedded in the sand.

A Rhode Island jury found Swain responsible during a 2006 civil trial after Tyre’s parents filed a suit alleging he killed their daughter because he was courting another woman, and because a prenuptial agreement specified he would not receive any money if they divorced.

Swain was later charged with murder and extradited to the British Virgin Islands in 2007. He has been in jail since.

Swain, who has maintained his innocence, acknowledged this week that he spent part of Tyre’s inheritance to court a chiropractor and take a cruise with her. A forensic accountant has estimated the inheritance was worth \$630,000.

Swain said he met Mary Basler before his wife died, but that they did not become intimate until after her death. Basler has testified that she ended the fling in late 2000. □

BAHAMAS:

Sources: MP who caused mistrial in Travolta extortion case summoned to court by judge

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) _ The Bahamas lawmaker who caused a mistrial in the John Travolta extortion case has been ordered to appear before the judge to explain why he announced an acquittal before the jury had declared a verdict, officials said Thursday. Picewell Forbes was summoned to explain his remarks in a

A package of Caribbean briefs

By Associated Press

televised speech to a political party that prompted the judge to dismiss jurors after a month of testimony, two court officials told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the issue.

Judge Anita Allen said she had no choice but to order a new trial because Forbes’ remarks Wednesday night gave the appearance that information had been leaked from the jury room. Travolta flew to the Bahamas to take the stand twice against former Bahamian Sen. Pleasant Bridgewater and a paramedic accused of trying to extort \$25 million from him following his autistic son’s death at the family home in Grand Bahama last January. Bridgewater resigned her Senate seat after she was charged. Forbes, who the officials said was scheduled to appear before the judge Friday, did not respond to requests for comment.

Anthony McKinney, an attorney for the lawmaker, told a local radio his client was merely repeating a rumor that he heard moments before giving a speech at a convention of his Progressive Liberal Party _ to which Bridgewater also belongs.

McKinney said Forbes planned to apologize to the judge and he said there was nothing to suggest a juror contacted Forbes or any member of the opposition party’s leadership. □

CARIBBEAN:

Plane crashes in sea near Bonaire, all 9 passengers rescued, pilot presumed dead

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao (AP) _ A small plane carrying nine passengers, including Dutch tourists, crashed into the sea near the Caribbean island of Bonaire on Thursday, killing the pilot, Robert Mansel (32), who used to work for Winair in St. Maarten, but sparing everyone else, Lt. Gov. Glenn Thode said.

The rescued passengers were being treated for minor injuries, he said.

Operated by Curacao-based Divi Divi Air, the plane was flying from Curacao to Bonaire when the pilot told the control tower that one of the two engines had stopped working, Thode said.

The pilot agreed to fly into Bonaire’s Flamingo Airport, but about one mile (two kilometers) away, he reported the plane was losing altitude and he would have to make a “controlled ditch,” Thode said.

The passengers managed to escape the sinking aircraft, but officials believe the pilot was still strapped into his seat when the plane slid into waters reported to be 150 meters (490 feet) deep, the official said.

Thode said the Royal Netherlands

Navy was helping search for the plane.

The airline’s Web site says it operates four twin-engine aircraft, including three nine-seat Britten-Norman Islanders. A woman who answered the company’s phone said executives were not immediately available for comment.

Bonaire, which along with Curacao is part of the Netherlands Antilles, lies about 50 miles (80 kilometers) off the coast of Venezuela. □

CARIBBEAN:

Canadian missionary accused of abusing orphans in Haiti detained in DomRep

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) _ Dominican authorities have arrested a Canadian missionary charged with sexually abusing orphan teens in neighboring Haiti, the latest in a string of men accused of taking advantage of Haiti’s deep poverty to have sex with minors.

Joao Jose Correia Duarte, a Portuguese-born orphanage administrator, was arrested Tuesday in the resort city of Puerto Plata by Dominican drug agents carrying out a Canadian warrant. He is expected to be extradited to Canada this week, said Dominican national drug agency spokesman Roberto Lebron. According to the agency, Correia began working in Haiti in 1995. He faces charges related to abusing at least 12 youths aged 12 to 17 in hotels in the Haitian capital, allegedly offering favors like clothes or paying rent for their relatives elsewhere in the country. Dominican officials say a warrant was issued for his arrest in August, and that they were advised in late September that he was in the country and should be arrested.

They say he had been operating a diving school at a hotel in Puerto Plata, a beach resort city on the country’s north coast popular with foreigners. Officials said Correia had previously worked as a waiter in the area.

It is not clear if he is suspected of similar abuses in the Dominican Republic. □

CARIBBEAN:

Immigration authorities release benefactor of anti-Castro Cuban militant

MIAMI (AP) _ A benefactor of anti-Castro Cuban militant Luis Posada has been released from immigration custody.

Santiago Alvarez’s attorney Kendall Coffey said Thursday his client was thrilled.

Alvarez pleaded guilty in 2006 to weapons charges related to a government-alleged plot to overthrow Fidel Castro. The Miami developer then got more

time for refusing to testify against Posada in an immigration fraud case. Prosecutors said Alvarez was on a boat that secretly ferried Posada from Mexico to Miami in 2005. Posada is wanted in Cuba on bombing charges and is accused in the U.S. of lying to immigration officials.

Alvarez, a U.S. resident, was eligible for deportation, but the U.S. doesn’t generally deport Cubans. So, he had remained in custody until Wednesday. □

HAITI:

Protesters block roads to protest decapitations of 4 migrants in DomRep

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) _ Haitian police say protesters have set up roadblocks near a border crossing with the Dominican Republic to protest the decapitations of four migrants.

Police commissioner Vanel Lacroix, of Malpasse, says the migrants were killed Tuesday while burning trees to make charcoal in the adjacent Dominican border town of Jimani.

Their heads were cut off and bodies burned in the coal pit. A fifth man was shot but survived. Haitians suffer discrimination in the Dominican Republic, where the decapitation of a Haitian earlier this year set off protests in Port-au-Prince.

Dominicans blame Haitians for cutting trees there to make charcoal, a practice that contributes to deforestation, erosion and flooding in Haiti. □

CARIBBEAN:

Authorities drop rape case against former leader of Turks and Caicos Islands

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) _ Authorities have dropped a rape case against the former leader of the Turks and Caicos Islands, citing insufficient evidence.

The FBI and local police had launched a 19-month investigation after a Puerto Rican woman claimed Michael Misick raped her in his home last year, but the woman’s lack of recollection hindered the case, Attorney General Kurt DeFreitas said late Wednesday.

Legal counsel from London also had reviewed the evidence against the former premier of the British Caribbean territory and recommended the case be dropped, he said. Misick had denied what he called “outrageous allegations,” and accused the woman of filing a false complaint against him after visiting his home in March 2008.

He could not be reached for comment Thursday.

Misick resigned in March amid a corruption investigation that prompted Britain to place the islands under direct rule.

British legislators have said they received claims that Misick and four other government officials had gotten rich by selling government-owned land to property developers.

In August, Britain suspended the government and legislature and installed a London-appointed governor. □

HAITI:

4 dead, 4 missing after heavy rains unleash landslide

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) _ Four people are dead and another four are missing after heavy rains caused a landslide in Haiti.

Civil protection official Nadia Richard says the downpour damaged 525 homes in Port-au-Prince’s Carrefour slum. It is located at the base of a mountain where the landslide took place.

A mother and her two children were found dead in their home. Another body was found in the water nearby.

The downpour occurred late Tuesday and early Wednesday.

CARIBBEAN:

Region to have first pick next week at tickets for Twenty20 World Cup

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) _ Tickets for next year’s World Twenty20 in West Indies will go on sale first to Caribbean residents on Nov. 1.

There is one seating price at all three grounds in Barbados _ Kensington Oval, Providence Stadium and Beausejour Cricket Ground _ event spokeswoman Gayle Alleyne said on Thursday. Prices vary according to the stage of competition, she added.

Tickets will go on sale internationally on Nov. 15.

The tournament will be played in Barbados, Guyana, St. Lucia and St. Kitts from April 30 to May 16. □

VENEZUELA:

Polls: Chavez’s popularity slips in Venezuela

CARACAS, Venezuela – Hugo Chavez’s support has declined in the polls as many Venezuelans say they are fed up with 27 percent inflation, a stagnant economy, faulty public services — and a government they see as incapable of doing much about it. The president’s popularity has slid in monthly tracking polls from a high of 61 percent after winning a vote in February to 52.8 percent last month, pollster Luis Vicente Leon of the Caracas-based firm Datanalisis said Wednesday, adding that the downward trend in the percentage who view his presidency positively has continued since. After more than a decade in power, Chavez is still by far the country’s most popular, most resilient and most divisive politician. What appears to have changed recently is that more are complaining about the high cost of living and a government that has often fallen far short of its promises. □

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Stocks slide as railroads, oil lose ground



Manpower co-founder Elmer Winter (pictured at right) rang the Closing Bell of the New York Stock Exchange with Mitchell Fromstein (CEO: 1976-1999) and Jeff Joerres (CEO: 1999 to present) on November 14, 2008. Winter passed away October 22 at the age of 97.

By TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writer

NEWYORK—Stocks retreated Friday after cautious forecasts from railroads stirred unease about the economy and a slide in oil hit energy stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 120 points after the comments from railroad CEOs raised worries over how long it would take for a recovery to take hold. Union Pacific's CEO Jim Young said he expects the economy to "limp along" until unemployment starts to fall. Burlington Northern also issued a tepid forecast.

Railroads are seen as an early indicator of economic activity because of the key role they play in shipping goods to manufacturers and markets.

A rising dollar also hit the market by pushing prices for commodities such as oil lower. That weighed on energy and materials stocks.

Investors looked past a sharp rise in home sales and strong profits at key technology companies as traders found little reason to buy into the market after a strong rally on Thursday.

A big jump in sales of existing homes last month was seen as

(PRNewsFoto/Manpower Inc.)

an aberration. The National Association of Realtors said sales rose 9.4 percent, nearly double the advance that had been expected. It was the highest level in more than two years as buyers raced to complete purchases before a tax credit expires at the end of November.

Profits at Amazon.com and Microsoft sailed past expectations and helped lift the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite index. A poor outlook and sharp profit drop from chipmaker Broadcom Corp. late Thursday dented some of the enthusiasm over Amazon and Microsoft.

Linda Duessel, equity market strategist at Federated Investors, didn't see a cause for worry in the downturn, saying the market needed to pause after the massive surge it has made over the past seven months. The Standard & Poor's 500 index is up 61.6 percent from a 12-year low in March. "The run-up has been too fast," she said. "You need to consolidate."

In midafternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 118.65, or 1.2 percent, to 9,962.66. The S&P 500 index fell 13.70, or 1.3 percent,

to 1,079.21. The Nasdaq composite index fell 9.70, or 0.5 percent, to 2,155.59.

Stocks posted big gains Thursday, sending the Dow up 132 points. Investors snapped up financial shares after several banks said they weren't seeing as many loans go bad. The market also extended its gains after Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said it expects sales to grow this year and increase at a faster pace next year.

Bond prices fell, sending their yields higher. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 3.47 percent from 3.42 percent late Thursday.

Crude oil fell 97 cents to \$80.22 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Among companies posting earnings, Union Pacific said its profit was off 26 percent, while revenue fell 24 percent. The stock fell \$4.49, or 7.4 percent, to \$56.63.

Burlington reported a 30 percent drop in third-quarter earnings, while revenue fell 27 percent. That sent its shares down \$5.77, or 6.8 percent, to \$78.85. Amazon jumped \$23.15, or 24.8 percent, to \$116.60 after its third-quarter earnings jumped 68 percent. The stock logged a high of \$117.40. The online retailer forecast more than 20 percent growth for the current quarter.

Home sales rise 9.4 pct in Sept., beats forecast

By ALAN ZIBEL,

AP Real Estate Writer

WASHINGTON — Home resales in September clocked the largest monthly increase in 26 years as buyers scrambled to complete their purchases before a tax credit for first-time owners expires.

Sales jumped 9.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.57 million last month, from a downwardly revised pace of 5.1 million in August, the National Association of Realtors said Friday.

That pace was the strongest in two years and beat Wall Street forecasts. Sales had been expected to rise to an annual rate of 5.35 million, according to economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters.

"There's a mini-boom going on in the housing market," said Thomas Popik, who conducts a monthly survey of real estate agents for Campbell Communications, a research firm.

Nationwide sales are up nearly 24 percent from their bottom in January, but are still down 23 percent from four years ago.

Prices, however, continued to be dragged down by foreclosures and short sales, where the mortgage exceeds the sales price. The median price last month was \$174,900, down almost 9 percent from \$191,200 a year earlier, and slightly lower than August's



In a photo made Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009, a 'sold' sign is shown in front of a home in Carmel, Ind. With homebuyers rushing to complete their purchases before a tax credit for first-time owners expires, a report Friday, Oct. 23, 2009 is expected to show strong September sales.

(AP Photo/Michael Conroy)

median of \$177,300.

The inventory of unsold homes on the market fell about 7 percent to 3.63 million. That's less than an eight-month supply at the current sales pace, and the lowest level since March 2007.

Sales rose around the country, especially in the West, where they grew 13 percent from a month earlier. Foreclosure sales are booming in cities like Los Angeles, San Diego and Las Vegas.

First-time homebuyers and investors are snapping up those homes and taking advantage of low mortgage rates. These buyers can also take advantage of a tax credit of 10 percent of the sales price, up to \$8,000, if the sale is completed by the

end of November.

The tax credit is so important to some buyers that they are adding a clause to their contracts, allowing them to back out if the sale doesn't close by Nov. 30. However, economists note that bargain-priced foreclosures and low mortgage rates are making a big contribution to the sales boom.

"We think the housing market has touched bottom and it is now only a matter of time until home prices stabilize — something that we anticipate to occur in late 2010," wrote Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank. Prices could fall further because rising unemployment leads to more foreclosures.



WHO: nearly 5,000 swine flu deaths worldwide



A nurse vaccinates a medical worker, on October 20, 2009 at the Necker hospital in Paris as France begins vaccinating key medical workers against swine flu. Swine flu is spreading faster and claiming new fatalities in Europe, health officials said Friday, as the global death toll from the virus rose to nearly 5,000 victims.

(AFP/File/Francois Guillot)

GENEVA — Nearly 5,000 people have reportedly died from swine flu since it emerged this year and developed into a global epidemic, the World Health Organization said Friday.

Since most countries have stopped counting individual swine flu cases, the figure is considered an underestimate. WHO said there were 4,999 total deaths through Oct. 18, most of them in the Western Hemisphere. The figure was

up 264 from a week earlier.

Iceland had its first swine flu death this week, and WHO said Sudan and Trinidad and Tobago also reported deaths from the virus for the first time this week.

In the United States, swine flu caused at least 95 children's deaths since April, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday.

Forty-six states now have widespread flu activity, the CDC said, adding that only

Connecticut, Hawaii, New Jersey and South Carolina are without widespread flu.

In London, drug maker GlaxoSmithKline PLC said children may only need one shot of its swine flu vaccine to be protected.

In its statement Friday, Glaxo said one dose was enough to boost children's immune systems to fight the virus, based on data from a trial in Spain in 200 children aged six months to 3 years.

Glaxo's finding comes after experts said they expected children would need two doses, since their immune systems are weaker than those of adults. Last week, rival vaccine maker Sanofi Aventis said children would likely need two doses of vaccine against swine flu, or H1N1.

GlaxoSmithKline's Pandemrix vaccine contains an adjuvant, a chemical compound that stretches a vaccine's active ingredient and increases the human body's immune response. While European flu vaccines commonly use adjuvants, there is limited data on

how safe they are in groups including children and pregnant women.

The adjuvant in Glaxo's swine flu vaccine has been used in more than 41,000 people in bird flu, swine flu and regular flu vaccines.

Swine flu vaccines in the U.S. do not have adjuvants. Some countries have ordered special stocks of vaccines without adjuvants for their at-risk populations.

While most people recover from swine flu without needing medical treatment, the virus strikes children particularly hard. According to data from

the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than half of hospitalizations and nearly a quarter of deaths due to swine flu are in children and adults under 25.

An Associated Press-GfK poll found that a third of American parents don't want their children to get the swine flu shot, with many citing concerns about side effects. Of the thousands of people who have so far received the swine flu vaccine, the most commonly reported side effects have been soreness where the injection was given and minor flu symptoms. □

Diabetes drug helps obese adults loss weight

By Anthony J. Brown,

NEW YORK (Reuters Health) — Obese adults may shed more weight with the diabetes drug liraglutide than with the weight-loss drug orlistat (Xenical, Alli), suggests a study in The Lancet this week.

The finding that liraglutide was superior to orlistat was "unexpected," Dr. Arne Astrup, from the University of Copenhagen, Denmark, told Reuters Health.

Until now, liraglutide has only been tested for its blood sugar-lowering abilities in people with type 2 diabetes. "This is the first state of the art trial to test its weight loss properties" in obese adults without diabetes, Astrup said.

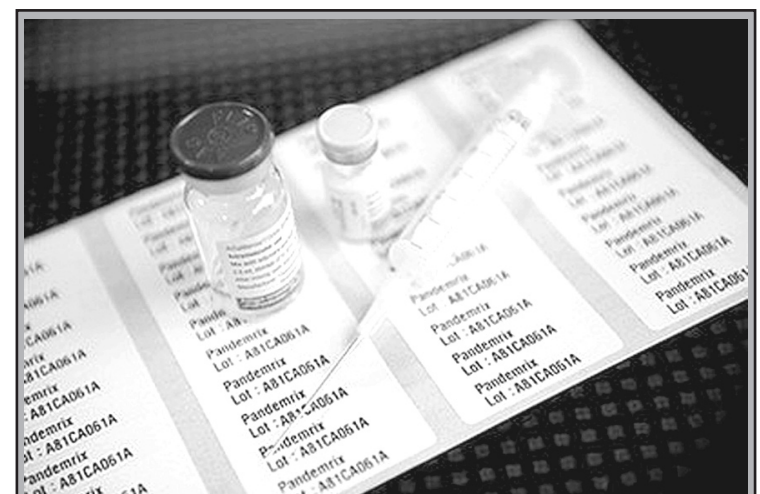
The biggest findings with liraglutide, Astrup said, were the "clear-cut" dose-response relationship with weight loss (the higher the dose, the greater the weight loss), "the nice reduction in blood pressure, and the "cure" of patients with "pre-diabetes" - that is, poor blood sugar control not yet bad enough to qualify as diabetes. In the study, 564 obese adults without

diabetes were randomly assigned to receive liraglutide at one of four doses (1.2, 1.8, 2.4, or 3.0 milligrams), placebo, or orlistat (120 milligrams). Liraglutide and placebo were given once daily as an injection, while orlistat was given three times a day in pill form.

All participants in the study increased their physical activity throughout the trial and followed a calorie-restricted diet, which contained approximately 500 calories less than they needed each day.

People who took liraglutide lost significantly more weight than people who took placebo or orlistat, Astrup and colleagues found. Liraglutide contains a satiety hormone that helps curb appetite.

Average weight loss with the lowest liraglutide dose (1.2 mg) was 4.8 kilograms (10.6 pounds); with 1.8 mg liraglutide, subjects lost an average of 5.5 kg (12.1 pounds); with 2.4 and 3.0 mg liraglutide, subjects lost an average of 6.3 kg (13.9 pounds) and 7.2 kg (15.8 pounds), respectively. □



A syringe lies next to the vaccine Pandemrix and the intensifier against the swine flu virus at the university hospital in Essen, western Germany.

(AFP/DDP/File/Volker Hartmann)

US swine flu deaths surpass 1,000

By MIKE STOBBE,
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA — Federal health officials say swine flu is more widespread now than it's ever been.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says there as much illness now as the winter peak of regular flu seasons. CDC officials said Friday that swine flu has resulted in more than 1,000 deaths so far.

Public demand for the new swine flu vaccine has caused long lines and frustration in several parts of the country. But worries about flu has also prompted record interest in seasonal flu vaccine as well. About 60 million people have been vaccinated already — an unprecedented number for October. Most seasonal flu shots usually aren't given until later in the fall.

CDC officials say nearly 100 pediatric swine flu deaths have been reported. □

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Scientists seek origins of obesity in the womb

By MALCOLM RITTER,
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK — When Kathy Perusse had weight-loss surgery and shed 120 pounds, she may have done more than make her own life easier.

She went on to have two daughters, and she may have boosted their chances of avoiding becoming obese, like her two older children are.

That's the implication of research suggesting that something in an obese woman's womb can program her fetus toward becoming a fat child and adult. It's not about simply passing along genes that promote obesity; it's some sort of still-mysterious signal.

The idea has only recently entered conversations between doctors and female patients, and scientists are scrambling to track down a biological explanation. That knowledge, in turn, may provide new ways to block obesity from crossing generations.

While there's some disagreement on how important the womb signal is, "the evidence is building and building that it is a substantial issue," said Dr. Matthew Gillman of Harvard Medical School, who studies prevention of obesity.

Others agree. "I think it could be a hugely significant factor," said Robert Waterland of the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, who studies the effect in mice.

Dr. Rudy Leibel, an obesity expert at Columbia University, says he doubts it plays a huge role, but still believes it's worth studying. If scientists can uncover its biological underpinnings, he said, they may be able to use that knowledge to prevent or treat obesity from other causes.

Perusse, 39, of Three Rivers, Quebec, knows the effects

of being very fat. Before her weight-loss surgery in 1995, she packed 284 pounds on her 5-foot-2 frame. She could not ride a bike or climb stairs to her second-floor home without stopping to rest.

Now, although she's still overweight, those limitations are history, she said through an interpreter.

But her older children struggle with their weight. At 5-foot-3 and 300 pounds, her 22-year-old daughter can't bathe her own two children, Perusse said. Her 16-year-old son weighs 230 pounds and stands 5-foot-6.

They were born before she had the weight-loss surgery. Her two younger daughters, ages 4 and 7, came along afterward. Their weights are normal so far, though Perusse said her older children weren't overweight at those ages either. So she's using diet and exercise to try to protect them against what she called rotten genes, including those from their 400-pound father. She said she isn't optimistic.

But Dr. John Kral of the SUNY Downstate Medical Center in New York says his research suggests that obese women who lose weight before pregnancy may be helping the next generation keep off excess pounds — even if fat-promoting genes run in the family.

With researchers at Laval Hospital in Quebec, Kral has studied children of severely obese women who were born before or after their mother's weight-loss surgery. They found that, in comparison to children born before surgery, those born afterward were far less likely to be severely obese.

In addition, those born afterward showed lower levels of blood fats and indicators of future diabetes.



In this photo taken Oct. 8, 2009, Kathy Perusse, center, poses for a photograph outside her home with two of her children, David Laflamme, 16, left, and Anne-Marie Laflamme, 22, in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec.

(AP Photo/The Canadian Press, Paul Chiasson)

Kral says families typically don't change lifestyle or diet after surgery, so that doesn't explain the outcome.

Instead, he says, the surgical bypass operation made the women's bodies less efficient at digesting and absorbing food, and lowered levels of sugar and fat in the blood. That, in turn, would reduce the number of calories delivered to the fetus to levels like those provided by a normal-weight mother, he said.

And the women's shedding of pounds before the pregnancy would also help, he said.

While scientists are still trying to explain just how obesity could be transmitted from the womb, it makes sense that a mother's obesity could affect her children's long-term weight, Waterland said. Cues in early life, including some in the womb, guide the development of a person's brain circuitry for controlling the balance between calories

consumed and those burned away, he said. So a signal there could have a long-lasting impact.

Or, maybe such a signal predisposes the child to make more fat-storing cells, others said. It's still not clear just what in the womb could create such effects — high levels of blood sugar and certain fatty acids are some leading candidates. Waterland has found evidence it may have to do with how critical genes are regulated. Chemical tags attach to the chromosomes and act like dimmer switches to modulate how hard certain genes work. Waterland studied mice genetically prone to porkiness and found the fatter the mom, the heavier her offspring tended to be. But that effect was blocked when researchers fed pregnant mice a cocktail of substances that encourage the chemical tags to attach to the chromosomes. What does that suggest? Maybe

a mom's obesity somehow interferes with the regulation of certain genes, and the chemical cocktail overcame that, Waterland says.

Those genes might affect the offspring's long-term weight if they're involved in the brain's regulation of appetite and activity levels, Waterland proposes. He also says it's too soon to tell whether an obesity-blocking supplement could work in women as well as in the mice.

Once scientists identify the obesity signal, they may be able to recommend ways to suppress it, perhaps through diet or behavioral strategies.

In the meantime, experts say, obese women can take their own steps.

- Avoid pregnancy until you've lost weight. That's wise anyway, since obesity in pregnancy raises the risk of complications like diabetes, cesarean deliveries and stillbirth. □

Oscar de la Renta Given “Super Star” Award



FWD111 Oscar de la Renta attends the Fashion Group International's Night of Stars gala in New York on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009.

(Fashion Wire Daily/Grant Lamos IV)

Renata Espinosa

New York – In case you were wondering, before Oscar de la Renta turned to fashion, he was the proprietor of a hot Parisian nightclub, Le Sexy J'adore. At least, that was the tall tale that Simon Doonan, creative director of Barneys New York, told Thursday night, Oct. 22, as host of Fashion Group International's annual Night of Stars. Weaving in

lurid scenes that included the various honorees, from Michael Kors as “bouncer” to Gucci's Frida Giannini, who “found the naughtiest, chicest gals in the Western Hemisphere,” Doonan spun a hilarious, “Mad Libs”-like yarn that set a rollicking tone for the evening's ceremony, titled “The Storytellers.”

“I think all forms of art tell a story, or state an opinion, but I think fashion is the art form that touches us the most right now,” said actress Emmy Rossum, wearing a gold twist goddess gown by Donna Karan, ruminating on fashion's storytelling power. “I mean, you wear it everyday, and we're constantly bombarded by images and you can use it to show how we feel about life and ourselves and what image we want to project to the world. It's the first thing people see, what you're wearing.”

Each year, Night of Stars gives out accolades to the top guns in design, from fashion to architecture to beauty. Oscar de la Renta, whose career has spanned the past six decades, took home the “Super Star” award last night, while fashion designers Michael Kors and Frida Giannini, hat designer Stephen Jones and jewelry designer Victoire de Castellane, known for her baubles for Dior, all were “Star Honorees.”

“I couldn't be happier that I was asked to present this award to Oscar this season, because I really did love his collection this time,” said Grace Coddington, creative director at Vogue, who co-presented the award to de la Renta with another Vogue editor, Hamish Bowles.

“He's surprisingly young, even though he's not so young. I hope to see young people in his clothes, because I felt that he really looked at that and he was up there with all the other young designers. A lot of people, when they get older, they sort of fade a bit. But not him.”

Other award recipients included Renzo Rosso of Diesel for “Corporate Leadership,” Kenneth Cole for

the “Humanitarian Award,” Clodagh in architecture, Paula Wallace of Savannah College of Art and Design for “Sustainability” and Catherine Walsh in beauty. Television station Bravo took home the Lord & Taylor Fashion Oracle Award.

After bites of lobster tail and mushroom risotto, the crowd's attention turned toward presenters like burlesque performer Dita Von Teese, who said she was in disbelief “that they actually let me speak,” when she presented the award to Stephen Jones, wearing one of his hat creations.

Presenters and honorees gushed back and forth in their speeches in an impromptu mutual appreciation society, though often somewhat confusedly - “He's more generous with his words than he is with his deeds,” said Cole to his presenter and friend Jon Bon Jovi, who had just rattled off Cole's lifetime of humanitarian achievements such as his work with Amfar, an AIDS charity.

Hip-hop singer Mary J. Blige, who co-presented the award to Giannini with actor James Franco, said, “I'm not going to stand up here and pretend that I've known Frida all my life. But I've been a Gucci girl for as long as I can remember.”

Earlier that day, Giannini and Blige officially opened the first Mary J. Blige Center for Women in Yonkers, N.Y., which Gucci helped underwrite.

In his introduction to de la Renta, Hamish Bowles noted that he was a “champion domino player” and a “crooner with the honey voice that filled the air on Fashion's Night Out,” while Grace Coddington simply stated, “Oscar, you're totally awesome. What else can I say?”

“I have to thank you all because I've been having a wonderful, extraordinary time,” said de la Renta in his acceptance speech. “I've had the opportunity to do what I love most, doing for women the best that I can.” □

A year of tragedy and triumph for Jennifer Hudson

By SOPHIA TAREEN,
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO – In the year since three members of her family were brutally killed in Chicago, Grammy and Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson has found ways to heal and start a new life.

And it appears the 28-year-old is happy again.

The actress and singer has gushed over her role as a new mother. She has started going out again, including an appearance at a New York gala just days ago. And she's poured herself into her work, from a gospel-tinged rendition of the national anthem at the Super Bowl months after the slayings to a “VH1 Divas” concert in New York last month.

Now she is set to return to Chicago in a few weeks to film an ABC prime-time special in which she'll share memories of her childhood Christmases in her old neighborhood and the church where she started singing.

It will be a bittersweet journey as she films “Jennifer Hudson: I'll Be Home for Christmas,” which is scheduled to air in December.

A year ago, just as her career was really taking off with roles in movies like “Sex and the City” and “The Secret Life of Bees,” Hudson had to return home for the worst reason possible.

On Oct. 24, 2008, the bodies of her mother,

Darnell Hudson Donerson, 57, and brother, Jason Hudson, 29, were found in the family's home on the city's South Side. The body of her 7-year-old nephew, Julian King, was found days later in a sport utility vehicle on the city's West Side, just over 10 miles away. All three had been shot.

Hudson has repeatedly declined to talk about publicly about the killings. She and her publicist declined interview requests from The Associated Press.

“She's heartbroken,” said Bob Israel, 40, who was friends with Jason Hudson and lives near the Hudsons' Chicago home. “They were a close-knit family.”

William Balfour, the estranged husband of Jennifer Hudson's sister, Julia, was charged with first-degree murder in the killings. Prosecutors alleged Balfour killed them in a jealous rage because he was upset Julia Hudson was dating another man.

Balfour pleaded not guilty and remains jailed. Several calls to his public defender were not returned.

The following days were tumultuous for Jennifer Hudson, including a trip to the Cook County medical examiner's office to identify King's body. □



FILE - In this Sept. 8, 2009 file photo Oprah Winfrey, right, introduces Grammy and Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson in Chicago while taping an episode of “The Oprah Winfrey Show” to celebrate the kickoff of the 24th season of her show. In the year since three members of her family were found brutally killed in late October 2008 in Chicago, Hudson has found ways to heal and start a new life.

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U.S. bank failures top 100, only part of bank woes

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AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The cascade of U.S. bank failures this year surpassed 100 on Friday, the most in nearly two decades. And the trouble in the banking system from bad loans and the recession goes even deeper than the number suggests. Dozens, perhaps hundreds, of other banks remain open even though they are as weak as many that have been shuttered. Regulators are seizing banks slowly and selectively — partly to avoid inciting panic and partly because buyers for bad banks are hard to find.

Going slow buys time. An economic recovery could save some banks that would otherwise go under. But if the recovery is slow and smaller banks' finances get even worse, it could wind up costing even more. The bank failures, 103 in all, are the most in any year since 120 collapsed in 1992, at the end of the savings-and-loan crisis.

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Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Chair Sheila Bair, testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, before a Senate Banking subcommittee on the state of the financial industry.

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Obama: 'Cynical claims' attacking energy bill

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CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (AP) — President Barack Obama said Friday that opponents of his energy bill are disputing the evidence of global warming in a cynical ploy to undermine efforts to curb pollution and



President Obama gestures during an address at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in Cambridge, Mass., Friday, Oct. 23, 2009.

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steer the nation to greener energy sources.

Obama said some opponents "make cynical claims that contradict the overwhelming scientific evidence when it comes to climate change — claims whose only purpose is to defeat or delay the change that we know is necessary." He also appeared to be taking on chief critics like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and National Association of Manufacturers, though not by name.

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Pilots flew Airbus jet 150 miles past airport



The flight recorders from Northwest flight 188, that overflowed the Minneapolis-St Paul International/World-Chamberlain Airport, are displayed at the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) headquarters in Washington, Friday, Oct. 23, 2009. At left is the Cockpit Voice Recorder, the Flight Data Recorder is at right.

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JOAN LOWY

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Were the pilots distracted? Catching up on their sleep? Federal investigators struggled to determine what the crew of a Northwest Airlines jetliner were doing at 37,000 feet (11,000 meters) as they sped 150 miles (240 kilometers) past their Minneapolis destination, and military jets scrambled to chase them. Unfortunately, the cockpit voice recorder may not tell the tale.

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Iran's Ambassador to the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, Ali Asghar Soltanieh and Hamid-Reza Asgari, a senior advisor in Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, from left, arrive for talks between Iran and the United States, Russia and France over Iran's nuclear program, on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at Vienna's International Center.

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Iran to respond to U.N. nuclear proposal next week

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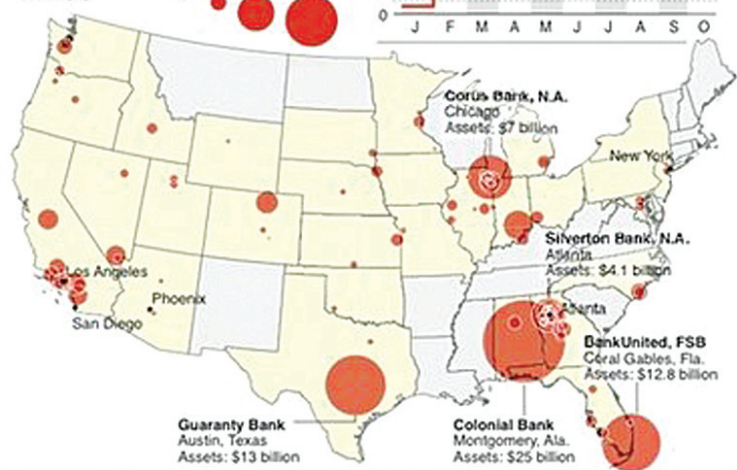
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100 banks failed this year

Hard times are dragging on for the banking industry as the ripple of failures across the country, many in the Atlanta region, has reached a milestone 100th closing this year.

Banks failures in 2009 and their assets at time of closing, in millions



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AP

Graphics locate 100 failed banks of 2009 by assets at time of closing and top 10 bank failures since beginning of recession

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BANK FAILURES

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Regulators took over Partners Bank and Hillcrest Bank Florida, both of Naples, American United Bank of Lawrenceville, Georgia, and Flagship National Bank in Bradenton, Florida, on Friday afternoon.

When a bank fails, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. swoops in, usually on a Friday afternoon. It tries to sell off the bank's assets to buyers and cover its liabilities, primarily customer deposits. It taps the insurance fund to cover the

rest.

Bank failures have cost the FDIC's fund that insures deposits an estimated \$25 billion this year and are expected to cost \$100 billion through 2013. To replenish the fund, the agency wants banks to pay in advance \$45 billion in premiums that would have been due over the next three years.

The FDIC won't say how deep a hole its deposit insurance fund is in. It can tap a credit line from the Treasury of up to a half-trillion dollars to cover the gap.

The list of banks in trouble is getting longer. At the end of June, the FDIC had flagged 416 as being at risk of failure, up from 305 at the end of March and 252 at the beginning of the year.

Yet the pace of actual bank failures appears to be slowing. The FDIC seized 24 banks in July, 11 in September and eight in October.

If any bank poses an immediate danger to customers or the broader financial system, regulators close it immediately, bank supervisors said. The issue is murkier for troubled banks that might qualify to close but whose closings might still be postponed or even prevented.

The FDIC's first priority, spokesman Andrew Gray said, is to maintain public confidence in the banking system. "As evidenced by the stability of insured deposits throughout last year, this mission has been a success," he said.

He said public confidence isn't reason enough to delay a bank closing, because legally the decision to close rests with whoever chartered the bank — a state or federal agency. But more than a dozen experts, including current and former regulators, bankers and lawyers, say the FDIC's mission to maintain public confidence in the banking system contributes to the go-slow approach.

"The FDIC was set up to create confidence and prevent bank runs," says Mark Williams, a former bank examiner for the Federal Reserve. Being too aggressive about bank closings "can be counter to the mission."

Sarah Bloom Raskin, Maryland's top banking regulator, said: "Technically it's the states who decide, but in reality it's the FDIC calling you to say" when the bank will be closed.

Last fall, the financial turmoil was rooted in bad bets that the nation's biggest banks, like Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp., had made

on complicated, high-risk mortgage investments.

Smaller banks have been undone by something more conventional — real estate, construction and industrial loans that have soured as the recession has deepened. Defaults are up as developers abandon failing projects and landlords can't meet their loan payments.

Small- and mid-sized banks hold lots of those loans and have been hurt more than big ones by the sinking commercial real estate market, especially in states like California, Georgia and Illinois. As defaults rise, these banks must set aside more money to cover losses. For the banks, this means mounting losses and shrinking reserves.

In a healthy economy, Williams said, the Fed and the FDIC would be inclined to close such weak banks. But these days, those agencies and other regulators prefer to hold off, hoping an economic recovery will eventually restore the health of some of the banks. But the recovery is expected to be slow. Americans remain hesitant to spend money because of job losses, flat wages, tight credit and high debt. Their cutbacks have triggered tens of thousands of business failures.

Abandoned retail space in downtowns and suburban malls means no rental income for property owners. As landlords default on real estate loans, they weaken the banks that hold the loans.

The situation now is especially grave in Southern California, Georgia and Illinois, which have some of the highest home foreclosure rates. Twenty banks have closed in Georgia alone.

Individual bank depositors aren't at risk when a bank fails. Their money is guaranteed up to \$250,000 by the government. Ever conscious of maintaining public confidence, agency officials hammer this point in public statements.

When weak banks are allowed to stay open, their growing

losses potentially can drain the FDIC's deposit insurance fund faster, says Bert Ely, an independent banking consultant.

Federal agencies aren't the only ones with an interest in slowing the pace of bank closings. State regulators with closer ties to local communities want to avoid the ripple effects when a town loses its main source of consumer and business credit, Williams said.

But finding buyers for wobbly banks has been tough.

FDIC Chairman Sheila Bair acknowledged as much in testimony this month before a Senate panel. The FDIC has been offering to share buyers' losses on the assets being transferred, she said.

"In the past several months investor interest has been low," she said in prepared testimony.

In an effort to find more potential buyers, the FDIC has relaxed the rules for private-equity firms to buy banks. In the past, regulators had feared such a move would allow investors to protect themselves from the cost of bank failures, escaping serious consequences while drawing down the FDIC's fund.

An early success of the new strategy was a deal announced this month to sell assets from Corus Bank of Chicago to a group of private investors. But there still aren't enough buyers to absorb quickly all the assets held by at-risk banks.

That's because there are so many weak and failing banks on the market — and so few others strong enough to buy them.

That's one reason it's hard to know how many more banks could be closed in coming months, said Daniel Alpert, Managing Partner of the New York investment bank Westwood Capital LLC.

"How many banks will survive?" Alpert asked. "Loans are still deteriorating, but there are glimmers of hope in the economy. Ultimately, it's all about employment." □

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AIRBUS JET

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A report released late Friday said the pilots passed Breathalyzer tests, showing they had not drunk alcohol, and they were apologetic after Wednesday night's amazing odyssey. They said they had been having a heated discussion about airline policy. Aviation safety experts and other pilots were skeptical they could have become so consumed with shop talk that they forgot to land an airplane carrying 140 passengers.

The most likely possibility, they said, is that the pilots simply fell asleep somewhere along their route from San Diego.

"It certainly is a plausible explanation," said Bill Voss, president of the Flight Safety Foundation.

New recorders retain as much as two hours of cockpit conversation and other noise, but the older model aboard Northwest's Flight 188 includes just the last 30 minutes — only the very end of Wednesday night's flight after the pilots realized their error over Wisconsin and were heading back to Minneapolis. They had flown through the night with no response as air traffic controllers in two states and pilots of other planes over a wide swath of the mid-continent tried to get their attention by radio, data message and cell phone. On the ground, worried officials alerted National Guard jets to go after the airliner from two locations, although none of the military planes got off the runway.

With worries about terrorists still high, even after contact was re-established, air traffic controllers asked the crew to prove who they were by executing turns.

"Controllers have a heightened sense of vigilance when we're not able to talk to an aircraft. That's the reality post-9/11," said Doug Church, a spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association. That is a reference to Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists captured four aircraft and crashed into buildings and a field in the United States.

A report released by airport police Friday identified the

pilot as Timothy B. Cheney and the first officer as Richard I. Cole. The report said the men were "cooperative, apologetic and appreciative" and volunteered to take preliminary breath tests that were zero for alcohol use. The report also said the lead flight attendant told police she was unaware of any incident during the flight.

The pilots, both temporarily suspended, are to be interviewed next week by investigators of the National Transportation Safety Board. The airline, acquired last year by Delta Air Lines, also is investigating. Messages left at both men's homes were not immediately returned.

Investigators do not know whether the pilots may have fallen asleep, but NTSB spokesman Keith Holloway said Friday that fatigue and cockpit distraction will be looked into. The plane's flight recorders were brought to the board's Washington headquarters.

Voss, the Flight Safety Foundation president, said a special consideration was that the many safety checks built into the aviation system to prevent incidents like this one, or to correct them quickly, apparently were ineffective until the very end.

Not only were air traffic controllers and other pilots unable raise the Northwest pilots for an hour, but the airline's dispatcher should have been trying to reach them as well. The three flight attendants onboard should have questioned why no preparations for landing were ordered. Brightly lit cockpit displays should have warned the pilots it was time to land. Even the bright city lights of Minneapolis should have clued them in that they had reached their destination.

"It is probably something you would say never would happen if this hadn't just happened," Voss said.

The pilots were finally alerted to their situation when a flight attendant called on an intercom from the cabin. Two pilots flying in the vicinity also finally were able to raise the Northwest pilots using a Denver, Colorado, traffic control radio frequency instead



The Minneapolis skyline rises through the rain as an arriving Northwest Airlines jet taxis at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Friday, Oct. 23, 2009. Investigators are looking into a Northwest flight bound for Minneapolis from San Diego which over flew the airport by 150 miles.

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of the local Minneapolis frequency.

On the ground, police and FBI agents prepared for the worst.

"When the aircraft taxied to the gate, I was able to see the two white males in the seats of the flight crew, both were wearing uniforms consistent

with Delta flight crew," said a police report, signed by an Officer Starch. "When the aircraft had stopped, the male seated in the pilot seat turned, looked at me and gave me two thumbs up and shook his head indicating all was OK."

Air traffic controllers in

Denver had been in contact with the pilots as they flew over the Rocky Mountains, FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said. But as the plane got closer to Minneapolis, she said, "the Denver center tried to contact the flight but couldn't get anyone." □

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House health care bill over \$1 trillion for decade



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nev., center, flanked by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., right, and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., speaks about health care reform legislation, Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

By DAVID ESPO

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Health care legislation taking shape in the House carries a price tag of at least \$1 trillion over a decade, significantly higher than the target President Barack Obama has set, congressional officials said Friday as they struggled to finish work on the measure for a vote early next month.

Democrats have touted an unreleased Congressional Budget Office estimate of \$871 billion in recent days, a

total that numerous officials acknowledge understates the bill's true cost by \$150 billion or more. That figure excludes several items designed to improve benefits for Medicare and Medicaid recipients and providers, as well as public health programs and more, they added.

The officials who disclosed the details did so on condition of anonymity, saying they were not authorized to discuss them publicly.

Some moderate Democrats

have expressed reluctance to support a bill as high as \$1 trillion. Last month, Obama said in a nationally televised address before a joint session of Congress that he preferred a package with a price tag of around \$900 billion.

Obama also said he would not sign a bill that raised deficits, and the CBO estimates the emerging House bill meets that objective. Officials said the measure would reduce deficits by at least \$50 billion over 10 years and perhaps as much as \$120 billion.

Democrats also said the bill would slow the rate of growth of the giant Medicare program from 6.6 percent annually to 5.3 percent.

"The bill will be paid for over 10 years. It will reduce costs but also will not add a dime to the deficit" in future years, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said at a news conference.

Still, Obama's speech provoked enough concern among House Democrats that senior presidential aides were called to a meeting in the Capitol to explain precisely

what the president had in mind when he set the \$900 billion target.

The figure of \$871 billion "is a coverage number. I think the White House has made that very clear. It is a number about coverage," Pelosi said recently when asked about the size of the measure.

Linda Douglass, a spokeswoman for the White House, said, "The speaker is working on a plan that meets with the president's price tag of around \$900 billion for health insurance reform and will not add a dime to the deficit."

House Democrats took steps to fulfill another of Obama's goals during the day, announcing their legislation would completely close a gap in Medicare prescription drug coverage within a decade, five years faster than originally contemplated.

In addition, Pelosi said, "as of Jan. 1, 2010, our legislation will give a 50 percent discount for brand-name drugs to recipients in the donut hole and it will reduce the size of the donut hole by \$500."

After months of delay,

Democrats in the House and Senate are aiming for votes next month on legislation to fulfill Obama's goal of expanding coverage to millions who lack it, banning insurance industry practices such as denying coverage for pre-existing conditions and slowing the growth in health care spending nationally. The House bill will also lift the insurance industry's exemption from federal anti-trust laws, a provision under consideration in Senate negotiations as well. With time growing short, Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid are struggling independently with the most controversial of all issues involved with health care, proposals for a government-run insurance option to compete with private industry.

In the House, Democrats have tentatively concluded they cannot win passage of the provisions favored by most liberals, one calling for a nationwide government-run plan with payments to doctors and hospitals linked to rates paid by Medicare. □

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"There are those who will suggest that moving toward clean energy will destroy our economy, when it's the system we currently have that endangers our prosperity and prevents us from creating millions of new jobs," Obama told his audience at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Using familiar refrains from his campaign and his administration as Congress mulls its next move on the climate bill, the speech was designed as a nudge for lawmakers to act on a top priority of the president's. Next week, the Senate environment committee will take up its version of a global warming bill. The legislation would cut greenhouse gases by about 80 percent by 2050 — as the president called for in his campaign — and require more domestic energy to come from renewable sources such as wind, solar and hydropower. □

Slain Fla. girl's mom vows to find unknown killer

By **RON WORD**

Associated Press Writer

ORANGE PARK, Fla. — Somer Thompson was last seen alive walking along the sidewalk in front of a vacant house, and authorities said Friday that they're searching for anyone who saw what happened to the 7-year-old after that.

Her teary but resolute mother warned her daughter's killer: "We'll get you."

The day after the child's body was identified, authorities said they had ruled out all 161 registered sex offenders who lived within a 5-mile radius of Somer's home. Despite doggedly pursuing hundreds of leads, police have not made an arrest.

Investigators sifted through evidence from the vacant house and the Georgia landfill where her body was discovered

Wednesday after investigators followed garbage trucks some 50 miles away from her neighborhood in suburban Jacksonville.

Somer vanished while walking home from her elementary school on Monday afternoon. The vacant house is on her route through a heavily populated, well-manicured neighborhood, and witnesses last saw the girl alive in front of it. She had become upset as she walked home with other children Monday and ran ahead of the group. Somer never came home.

However, no witnesses have come forward to say they saw Somer attacked or abducted, sheriff's spokeswoman Mary Justino said.

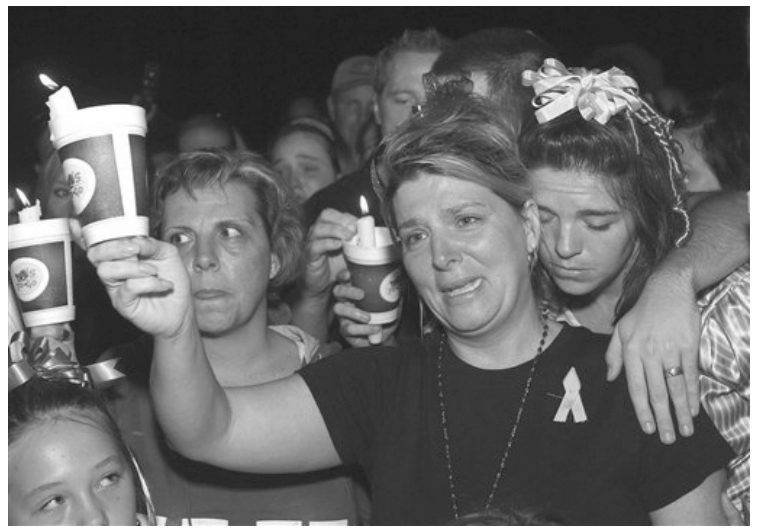
"What we've been trying to figure out is who frequents that area, because obviously

it's more than just the people who live there," she said.

Neighbors said they were accustomed to watching out for each other's children as they walked to and from school.

"Everybody knows everybody here. If there was a stranger on the street, we'd be looking at watching where they were going, seeing what they were doing here," said Monica Loeb, a family friend of the Thompsons.

Somer's mother, Diena Thompson, had a friend greet her children as they came home from school Monday because she was working, according to a police report. When Somer didn't arrive with the other children around 4 p.m., the friend sent Diena Thompson a text message. She raced home, and flagged



Diena Thompson, center, mother of Somer Thompson, shows her emotion at a candle-light vigil for her daughter, Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, in Orange Park, Fla. Somer Thompson was murdered earlier in the week.

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down a passing police officer while she, her other children and her boyfriend scoured the neighborhood.

An autopsy has been completed and investigators know how Somer died, but authorities won't disclose their findings or any details about the body. Missing child posters featuring Somer's face, framed by her thick brown bangs, still plaster nearly every utility pole along the mile-long route from her elementary school to her home.

Diena Thompson declined to be interviewed Friday by The Associated Press. She spent

part of the day making funeral arrangements, and a law enforcement officer was seen carrying a child's white dress from the family's home. A viewing will be held Monday night and a funeral will follow on Tuesday.

But Thompson appeared red-eyed on all three network television shows and said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that investigators will catch her daughter's killer.

"We're coming for you," she said. "We'll get you, and hopefully justice will be served." □

Police find body of missing 9-year-old Mo. Girl

By **CHRIS BLANK**

Associated Press Writer

ST. MARTINS, Mo. — The body of a missing 9-year-old girl was found in a wooded area near Missouri's capital city on Friday, two days after she was last seen walking from a neighbor's home, police said.

Cole County Sheriff Greg White said a juvenile, described as a "suspect," was taken into custody. The juvenile was acquainted with the girl, Elizabeth Olten, White said.

The sheriff did not give any details on how Elizabeth died or about the juvenile in custody except to say that the person lived in the area west of Jefferson City and was older than the girl. Police said Elizabeth's body was found just before 3 p.m.

"We were able to obtain some physical evidence and through some analysis of some of the evidence and in all honesty some written evidence, we were able to develop a person of interest," White said. "Once we reached that person and interviewed them, ultimately they led us to where we've

recovered Elizabeth's body."

Elizabeth, of St. Martins, was last seen when she started walking home from a neighbor's house on Wednesday evening, police have said.

White said had spoken with Elizabeth's mother and said the family is "deeply grieving."

"I'm a parent, and I know how I would feel.

I would simply leave it to you that they are grieving," he said.

Elizabeth's family and friends have described her as a bashful fourth-grader — the youngest of five children — who loved cats but was afraid of the dark and would not normally have gone into the woods. Some of her family members had spent Friday making buttons with Elizabeth's photo, before learning of her death.

"She was a wonderful, happy, shy child. I never saw her argue with her mother, her sister or anyone," said Liza Adrian, the sister-in-law of Elizabeth's sister, who spoke on behalf of the family during a Friday night news conference.

Elizabeth's father, Dale Olten Sr., learned of her death while



An undated photo provided by the Cole County Sheriff's Department shows Elizabeth Olten, who went missing near her home on Route D near St. Martins, just west of Jefferson City Wednesday evening, Oct. 21, 2009.

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watching TV in prison, where he is serving a four-year sentence for drug possession, said family friend Nancy Hanks, who had aided in the search.

"On behalf of the Oltens, I guarantee they appreciate this community — all the outpouring of support — they worked hard" searching for Elizabeth, Hanks said. □



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Iran to respond to U.N. nuclear proposal next week



TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran put off until next week a formal response to a U.N.-backed plan to ship much of its uranium to Russia for enrichment,

Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, Mohamed ElBaradei speaks to the media after talks between Iran and the United States, Russia and France over Iran's nuclear program, on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009, at Vienna's International Center. Iran has agreed to a draft deal that would see it ship out most of its enriched uranium to Russia, the International Atomic Energy Agency and diplomats said Wednesday.

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the country's nuclear envoy said Friday. The West sees the proposal as a way to curb Tehran's alleged efforts to make nuclear weapons.

Ali Asghar Soltanieh, Iran's representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, said Tehran is still studying the proposal and would inform the U.N. nuclear watchdog "next week about our evaluation."

"We are working and elaborating on all the details of this proposal," Soltanieh told state Press TV.

The plan was put forth Wednesday after three days of talks between Iran and world powers in Vienna. The United States, Russia and France endorsed the deal Friday, when an official response from Tehran had been expected.

Iran's acquiescence would be a boost to Obama administration efforts to curtail Tehran's nuclear program and ease Western fears about its potential to make nuclear weapons.

The State Department expressed mild disappointment that Iran withheld a decision and said it was unhappy Iran was not ready to embrace the proposal.

The plan is attractive to the U.S. because it would consume a large amount of Iran's stockpile of low-enriched uranium, thereby limiting the potential for Tehran to secretly convert it into uranium suitable for a nuclear weapon. Iran denies it has any intention of making

a weapon, saying its nuclear program is for generating power.

State Department spokesman Ian C. Kelly said the U.S. still hopes Iran will go along with the IAEA option. "This is a real opportunity for Iran to help address some of the real concerns of the international community about its nuclear program and at the same time still provide for the humanitarian needs of the Iranian people," Kelly said. "We hope that they will next week provide a positive response."

Alireza Nader of the RAND Corp. said if Iran rejects the deal, it would "lead to increased tensions" and a possible new set of U.N. sanctions. Nader said the U.N. proposal is "problematic for Iran's hard-line factions."

"Accepting it would indicate a compromise with world powers, and Tehran has repeatedly said it would not compromise," Nader said.

Soltanieh's statement came on the eve of a visit by U.N. nuclear experts to Iran to inspect a recently disclosed uranium enrichment facility near the holy city of Qom. The visit, which kicks off late Saturday, is an indication that Tehran is making good on some of its promises to the West.

The IAEA said Friday that Iran told agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei it is "considering the (U.N.) proposal in depth and in a favorable light, but needs time until the middle of next week to provide a response."

Just hours earlier, Iranian state TV quoted an unidentified official close to the Iranian nuclear negotiating team as saying that Tehran wants to buy nuclear fuel it needs for a research reactor, rather than accept the U.N. plan.

The TV quoted the official as saying Tehran was waiting for a response from world powers to its own proposal to buy the 20 percent-enriched uranium it needs for its Tehran reactor that produces medical isotopes. The U.S.-built reactor has been producing medical isotopes for more than three decades.

While the TV report was not an outright rejection of the U.N. proposal, it raised concerns since Iran has often used

counterproposals as a way to draw out nuclear talks with the West. On Thursday, deputy speaker of the parliament Mohammad Reza Bahonar dismissed the U.N. plan.

David Albright, a former U.N. nuclear inspector, now with the Institute for Science and International Security in Washington, said the Iranian proposal to buy nuclear fuel is a nonstarter because U.N. sanctions stand in the way of anyone willing to sell Tehran enriched uranium.

"The IAEA plan was pretty clear, it was goodwill test by the Obama administration to see if Iran is serious about being prepared to negotiate," Albright told The Associated Press. "Iran would put itself in a bad position if it rejects a very reasonable offer made in good faith."

At the U.N., Israeli Vice Prime Minister Silvan Shalom said he told U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday that Iran is trying to buy all the items it needs to become a nuclear power. Shalom did not disclose any details.

The Vienna talks followed a similar meeting Oct. 1 in Geneva that included the highest-level bilateral contact between the U.S. and Iran in years. At the time, the revelation that Iran has been building a nuclear plant for uranium enrichment near Qom had heightened international concerns.

Iran is enriching uranium to a 3.5 percent level for a nuclear power plant it is planning to build in southwestern Iran. Iranian officials have said it is more economical to purchase the more highly enriched uranium needed for the Tehran reactor than produce it domestically.

The Vienna-brokered plan would have required Iran to send 2,420 pounds (1,100 kilograms) of low-enriched uranium — around 70 percent of its stockpile — to Russia in one batch by the end of the year, French Foreign Ministry spokesman Bernard Valero said Thursday.

After further enrichment in Russia, France would have converted the uranium into fuel rods for return to Iran for use in the Tehran reactor, he said. □



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U.S. drones protecting ships from Somali pirates

JASON STRAZIUSO

Associated Press Writer

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — For the first time, sophisticated U.S. military surveillance drones capable of carrying missiles have begun patrolling waters off Somalia in hopes of stemming rising piracy.

Three ships have been seized in a week off Africa's lawless eastern coast and Vice Adm. Robert Moeller, the deputy commander for the U.S. Africa Command, said pirates continue to pose a significant challenge.

With the monsoon season now ended, there have been a rash of attacks as pirates return to the open seas. More than 130 crew members from seven ships are currently being held, including about 70 from the latest attacks.

In an effort to stem the surge, unmanned U.S. military surveillance planes called MQ-9 Reapers stationed on the island nation of Seychelles are being deployed to patrol the Indian Ocean in search of pirates, Moeller told The Associated Press in an interview at command headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany. The patrols began this week, military officials said.

The 36-foot(11-meter)-long Reapers are the size of a jet fighter, can fly about 16 hours and are capable of carrying a dozen guided bombs and missiles. They are outfitted with infrared, laser and radar targeting.

Military officials said Friday the drones would not immediately be fitted with weaponry, but they did not rule out doing so in the future.

Analysts said they expected the Reapers would also be used to hunt al-Qaida and other Islamist militants in Somalia. While Moeller said the aircraft would "primarily" be used against pirates, he acknowledged they could also be used for other missions.

Even the drones and the presence of an international naval armada are unlikely to deter pirates, Moeller said. Pirates are "prepared to take their chances against the warships that are patrolling the area, simply because the potential for big financial gain is significant," he said.

Cyrus Mody, an expert on piracy at the London branch of the International Maritime Bureau, said he expects the drones will help ward off attacks by acting as an early-warning system for tankers and other commercial vessels traversing waters off the Somali coast.

"What we hope will happen is that they will get much earlier warning of suspicious vessels or suspected (pirate) mother ships that can then be targeted by the naval vessels. Or alerts and broadcasts can be sent out indicating the positions of these ships (and) indicating they should keep as clear a distance as possible," Mody said. U.S. Navy vessels have used 3-foot(meter)-long drones off the East Africa coast before. But the Reapers — which have a 66-foot(20-meter) wingspan — represent a significant investment by the U.S. military to gather intelligence in the region.

Last spring, U.S. Navy sharpshooters killed three of the four pirates who were holding Richard Phillips, captain of the U.S.-flagged

cargo ship the Maersk Alabama, hostage in a lifeboat.

The drone deployment comes as piracy is on the rise in the area. While the bandits targeted 35 vessels in 2007 and 111 in 2008, they have launched some 178 attacks so far in 2009, according to International Maritime Bureau figures.

The high-seas hijackings have persisted despite an international armada of warships deployed by the United States, the European Union, NATO, Japan, South Korea and China to patrol the region.

In a sign that nations are being forced to step up security, Seychelles announced this week that it would send troops to its outer islands. A Seychelles minister, Joel Morgan, said the coast guard is working closely with international naval forces and that both the U.S. and Europe have maritime patrol aircraft stationed in the island nation.

The Somali-based pirates operate freely in a country with no effective government and can earn millions of dollars by hijacking a ship that might contain oil, coal or other goods — a windfall for young, unemployed men.

Moeller, the U.S. commander, said good governance, rule of law and economic development are all needed in Somalia so that pirates "have an alternative lifestyle to pursue. And unfortunately, that's not the case today." "The long-term solution to the piracy issue is basically getting the conditions right in Somalia," he said.

Peter Chalk, an expert on piracy at the Washington-based RAND Corp., said he believed the new drones would be "largely irrelevant" in bringing an end to the lawlessness because problems with Somalia's government need to be addressed first. Otherwise, piracy will persist, he said.

"The risks of being caught are very low (and even lower in terms of being successfully prosecuted) while the potential rewards are enormous — at least in a Somali context," Chalk wrote in an e-mail.

Pirates raked in up to \$80 million in ransoms in 2008, Roger Middletown, a piracy expert at the London-based think-tank Chatham House, says. Tracing the cash has been difficult in part because of Somalia's chaotic civil war and partly because many Somalis use an informal clan-based money transfer system instead of normal banking channels.

Analysts say the pirate attacks are criminal in nature and not part of Somalia's Islamic militancy or al-Qaida. The pirates try to keep their distance from such groups so the ransom payments don't get seized by terrorists. Surveillance gathered by the drones will augment other international investigations into pirate activity. Experts have been keen to trace the cash from ransoms, usually packed in a waterproof container and dropped by parachute into the sea, where it is picked up by pirates. Many worry about putting huge sums of cash in the hands of pirates who live in a country where al-Qaida operates. □



In this March 13, 2007 file photo released by the Department of Defense, An MQ-9 Reaper unmanned aerial vehicle from the 42nd Attack Squadron taxis into Creech Air Force Base, Nev.. U.S. military surveillance drones based in the Seychelles islands are patrolling off Somalia's coast in hopes of stemming a rising piracy trade. U.S. military officials say unmanned drones called Reapers are patrolling the Indian Ocean. Small drones were previously launched from American warships off Somalia but the larger and more advanced Reapers are the first drones to be operated in the area by the U.S. military's Africa Command.

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Rio battles entrenched crime prior to 2016 Olympics

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)

— They go by names like “Scooby” and “Big Baby” but carry the best weapons money can buy, are accused of torturing cops and even managed to shoot down a police helicopter.

They are drug dealers who hold court deep inside most of Rio de Janeiro’s 1,000 slums, surrounded by foot soldiers carrying Belgian-made assault rifles, Israeli pistols, grenades, anti-aircraft weapons and endless rounds of ammunition.

The criminals drew international attention this week following bloody shootouts that left more than 40 people dead, just days after Rio was awarded the 2016 Olympic Games.

Authorities have pledged to crack down harder than ever on the criminals to ensure safety for the Olympics — while assuring the rest of the world that the violence is actually restricted to small areas of this seaside city of 6 million people, famed for its raucous Carnival and gorgeous beaches.

“There have always been those mini-regions in Rio de Janeiro where drug traffickers dominate,” said Rio state Public Safety Director Jose Beltrame.

Beltrame concedes, however that those “mini-regions” can be found in slums dotting every corner of Rio, rich and



poor.

Ask any of the 2 million slum dwellers — taxi drivers, businessmen, housewives, barbers, and police officers — whose lives are dominated by drug chieftains and violent militias, and they will tell you that defeating the criminals is formidable, if not impossible. “The police are playing a game they have already lost,” said vegetable seller Roberto Lima, tending his small stand at the base of the Tabajaras slum in Copacabana, where a heavy police patrol came through the day before. “They have to make their efforts, we understand. But they are working outside the reality that they don’t control this place.”

Lima’s remarks reflect the fatalistic attitude pervading

nearly every conversation about controlling crime in Rio. The statistics show why: In 2008, there were 5,717 homicides in Rio state, the vast majority in Rio de Janeiro’s metropolitan area. In comparison, Vancouver, Canada, which will host the 2010 Winter Olympics, had a total of 58 slayings last year. Viva Rio, a Brazilian organization that aims to rid the city of arms, recently released a report stating that criminals in Brazil have three times as many weapons as police.

Beltrame describes the difficulty of confronting the criminals on their own turf: “When we enter a slum ... where they have their stockpile of weapons and ammunition,” the criminals are “defending

their territory and reacting against police as if it were a war.”

Brazilian newspapers this week published several photos of masked gunmen, proudly displaying their assault rifles in broad daylight while standing atop hillside slums, seemingly daring authorities to take them on.

This week’s shootouts were yet another episode in an ever-repeating cycle of violence: About 150 members of the Red Command drug gang in northern Rio invaded the Monkey Hill slum controlled by rivals before dawn last Saturday.

Intense gunfire ensued and police responded as they had many times before, in helicopters that hovered over the scene while fellow officers battled criminals on the ground below. But this time, for the first time, one of those helicopters was shot down, crash-landing in flames in a football field and killing three officers — just one mile (two kilometers) from the Maracana stadium, where the Olympics’ opening and closing ceremonies and the 2014 World Cup final will be held.

In the days since, more than 2,000 officers have responded, invading more than a dozen slums in search of those responsible.

Meanwhile, the bodies keep piling up: Two men were found shot to death Friday, their corpses left in a homemade

cart, while four other bodies were found nearby. Earlier this week, a slum dweller delivered two dead men to a hospital in his van, telling police that traffickers ordered him to.

Authorities pledge to ramp up their actions against the tens of thousands of drug gang members who they say present the biggest obstacle to the city’s peace and tranquility.

“We’re going to smother these traffickers and give them no breathing room,” police Col. Marcus Jardim told reporters this week. “We’re going in with rifles in hand. Society wants answers. We’re going to hunt down these criminals.”

Taxi driver Alexandre Baldi, who lives near a slum in Rio’s center, has his doubts.

“It’s a war without end,” he said. “The police can’t occupy every slum.”

Beltrame hopes the latest violence — erupting as it did when the city was under the Olympic spotlight — will galvanize Brazil’s leaders to aggressively tackle crime and “look for a solution that is definitive, visible, palatable and concrete to deliver to society.”

The federal government responded earlier this week with a promise of \$55 million in new funding for Rio police and a new, bullet-resistant helicopter.

But if the words of a Red Command drug gang leader are to be believed, that will not be nearly enough to tackle a problem with social and political implications that extend beyond the scope of law enforcement.

“The government has totally abandoned these areas,” the 26-year-old leader told The Associated Press earlier this year as he stood on a dirt street populated by hundreds of shacks and polluted by open sewers.

The leader spoke on condition of anonymity because he didn’t want to draw attention from police.

“There is no flag here — the authorities are simply not present,” said the gang member, who had two 9 mm pistols tucked into the waistband of his shorts. □



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Fuel storage blast rocks Puerto Rico capital

MIKE MELIA,

Associated Press Writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — An explosion at a fuel storage site sent earthquake-force shock waves across Puerto Rico's capital Friday and set more than a dozen tanks on fire, sending up a tower of inky smoke that forced airliners to alter flight paths.

Seemingly miraculously, no one was reported killed by the blast at Caribbean Petroleum Corp. in the suburb of Bayamon. The cause was unknown.

The explosion at 12:30 a.m. was the equivalent of a 2.8 magnitude earthquake, according to the Puerto Rico Seismic Network. It shook people out of bed across metropolitan San Juan and shattered windows across the bay in colonial Old San Juan,

one of many neighborhoods where onlookers gaped at the thick smoke boiling north toward the Atlantic Ocean.

Gov. Luis Fortuno declared a state of emergency for five municipalities, including San Juan and Bayamon, to receive federal funds for affected areas. Up to 1,500 people were evacuated from one neighborhood because of concerns over smoke contamination, he said.

Fifteen of the site's 40 fuel tanks caught fire, but several tanks were no longer burning by Friday night, Fortuno said. He said Puerto Rico still has a 24-day supply of fuel and assured residents six of the U.S. island's seven fuel lines were operating.

The fire was contained, chief firefighter Pedro Vazquez said, and firefighters were spraying the rest of the fuel

tanks at the facility with cold water and foam to reduce the risk of further blasts.

Fortuno said at least four people sought help for respiratory problems. Several drivers were hurt when the explosion shattered glass in their cars and two people suffered minor injuries at the U.S. Army's Fort Buchanan, adjacent to the fuel storage site, which supplies Gulf gas stations across the island.

Gulf spokeswoman Frances Rios said all five workers who were inside the plant managed to escape without injury after realizing what was happening.

"They were able to get out of the place quickly," said Rios, who is based in San Juan. She said the company's facilities had been well maintained and it would be impossible to determine the cause of



In this photo released by Puerto Rico's police department, a gasoline warehouse and distribution center burns in Catano, Puerto Rico, Friday, Oct. 23, 2009. Crews struggled to contain a fire at the fuel storage facility run by the Caribbean Petroleum Corp. and owned by Gulf outside Puerto Rico's capital following an early morning explosion that knocked out windows and shook the ground in the U.S. territory. No one was reported killed.

Associated Press

the blast before the fire was extinguished.

Marcial Orlando Felix, the top local official for the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said a special team from the mainland would investigate the blast but would have to wait until the fire was out to enter the site.

Police and FBI agents were investigating graffiti found after the blast in a highway tunnel in the capital with the message: "Boom, fire, RIP, Gulf."

"Everything is very preliminary at this point but obviously we're looking into the graffiti and it's a concern," Figueroa Sancha said. □



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MLB Roundup

Angels answer Yankees' rally, extend AL series

GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, California (AP) — Kendry Morales drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out single in the seventh inning as the Los Angeles Angels edged the Yankees 7-6 Thursday night to trim New York's lead in the American League championship series to 3-2.

Vladimir Guerrero's single tied it in the seventh for the Angels, who somehow didn't surrender after blowing a 4-0 lead moments earlier to fall 6-4 behind. New York struck immediately after manager Mike Scioscia removed ace John Lackey.

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Armstrong to compete in 2010 Tour of California



In this July 3, 2009 file photo, Lance Armstrong looks up as he prepares to leave for a training in Monaco ahead of the start of the 96th edition of the Tour de France cycling race.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lance Armstrong will compete in next year's Tour of California, which will feature route changes and be

moved from February to May to avoid the rainy season.

The 16 host cities for the May 16-23 road race were announced on Thursday via a Twitter exchange between Armstrong, three-time Tour of California champion Levi Leipheimer, Dave Zabriskie and George Hincapie, and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The announcement means Armstrong will not compete in the 2010 Giro d'Italia, which will also be held in May.

Armstrong raced the Giro for the first time this year, finishing ninth, but Italian organizers had expected him to opt for the California race since his new team has an American sponsor.

The Giro route will be unveiled Saturday. □



New Jersey Devils' Dainius Zubrus (8) scores a goal on New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist (30), of Sweden, during the third period of an NHL hockey game Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, in New York. The Devils won the game 4-2.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The New Jersey Devils extended their unbeaten record on the road with a 4-2 win over neighboring New York Rangers in the NHL on Thursday.

Dainius Zubrus tipped in Zach Parise's soft shot 7:51 into the third period to notch his first goal of the season and put New Jersey ahead to stay.

Goaltender Martin Brodeur, who had never beaten Rangers counterpart Henrik Lundqvist in regulation on the road in the regular season, made 29 saves to push the Devils to 4-0 away from home.

In Los Angeles, Michal Handzus scored 55 seconds into overtime to lift Los Angeles over Dallas.

Handzus hammered a shot

NHL Roundup

Devils keep rolling on road, beat Rangers

from the left side of the slot past goalie Alex Auld.

The Kings' Anze Kopitar had his first NHL hat trick.

In Edmonton, Alberta, Dustin Penner scored his sixth and seventh goals of the season and added three assists in Edmonton's comeback victory over Columbus.

Ales Hemsky also had a five-point night, finishing with a goal and four assists to help the Oilers rebound from a 4-1 deficit. Sam Gagner, Lubomir Visnovsky and Robert Nilsson added goals for Edmonton in its fifth victory in six games.

Capitals 5, Thrashers 4

In Atlanta, Jeff Schultz, Matt Bradley and Chris Clark scored in an 88-second span

of the second period to help Washington defeat Atlanta.

Goalie Semyon Varlamov stopped 22 shots to help the Capitals win their third straight game.

Washington's Eric Fehr and Alexandre Giroux had first-period goals.

In Glendale, Arizona, Adrian Aucoin scored two minutes into overtime and give Phoenix a win over Detroit.

Aucoin took an outlet pass from Jim Vandermeer and fired a sharp wrist shot from the outer edge of the right faceoff circle that got past Chris Osgood's right skate.

That came after Phoenix teammate Petr Prucha tied the game with 2:40 left in

regulation.

In Tampa, Florida, goalie Mike Smith won for the first time in nine months as Tampa Bay downed San Jose.

Smith, who missed the final 32 games last season because of post concussion syndrome, made 32 saves.

The Lightning's James Wright scored his first NHL goal.

In other NHL games it was, Philadelphia 4, Boston 3, SO; Washington 5, Atlanta 4; Montreal 5, N.Y. Islanders 1; New Jersey 4, N.Y. Rangers 2; Nashville 6, Ottawa 5, OT; Tampa Bay 5, San Jose 2; Edmonton 6, Columbus 4; Phoenix 3, Detroit 2, OT; and Los Angeles 5, Dallas 4, OT. □

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NFL Preview

Saints try to stay unbeaten against Dolphins

BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP)—Never in the post-merger era since 1970 has the NFL had four unbeaten teams this deep into a season. One of those, the Denver Broncos, will remain spotless into November because they are off this weekend. The Indianapolis Colts almost have another bye — they visit the winless St. Louis Rams. The New Orleans Saints and Minnesota Vikings have much bigger challenges, with the Vikings to play the surging Pittsburgh Steelers, while the Saints head to Miami to face the Dolphins.

New Orleans looked so good in handing the New York Giants their first defeat last weekend that the fans on the Bayou already are talking about another trip to Miami — for the Super Bowl in February.

Whoa, now. Hold on. “You’re not going to go 16 weeks the same way that some of our games have unfolded,” Saints coach Sean Payton said. “We just have to keep working to get better.”

New Orleans has had some blemishes, but the defense is vastly improved from last season, and the offense, led by quarterback Drew Brees, receiver Marques Colston, tight end Jeremy Shockey and

a bevy of running backs, has been unstoppable. “What’s important is ... looking closely at yourself without dusting it under the rug,” Payton said. “We try to be critical of ourselves and pay close attention to what wins.”

What has won the last two games for Miami after an 0-3 start has been defense and the wildcat. The variation on the old single wing was run to perfection by Ronnie Brown and Ricky Williams in a victory over the New York Jets before the Dolphins had a bye.

So Miami will want to control the clock and keep Brees and his menacing minions off the field. Of course, that didn’t quite work out when the Dolphins played Indianapolis in Week 2, when the Colts had the ball for less than 15 minutes and still won.

Thanks in great part to the arm, guile and guts of Brett Favre, the Vikings pulled off last-minute wins over San Francisco and Baltimore, the kind that separate good teams from champions.

Now the Vikings face the NFL champion Steelers, who have won three in a row. But instead of this matchup highlighting the defenses, both of which are top-notch, it could turn into an offensive showcase for

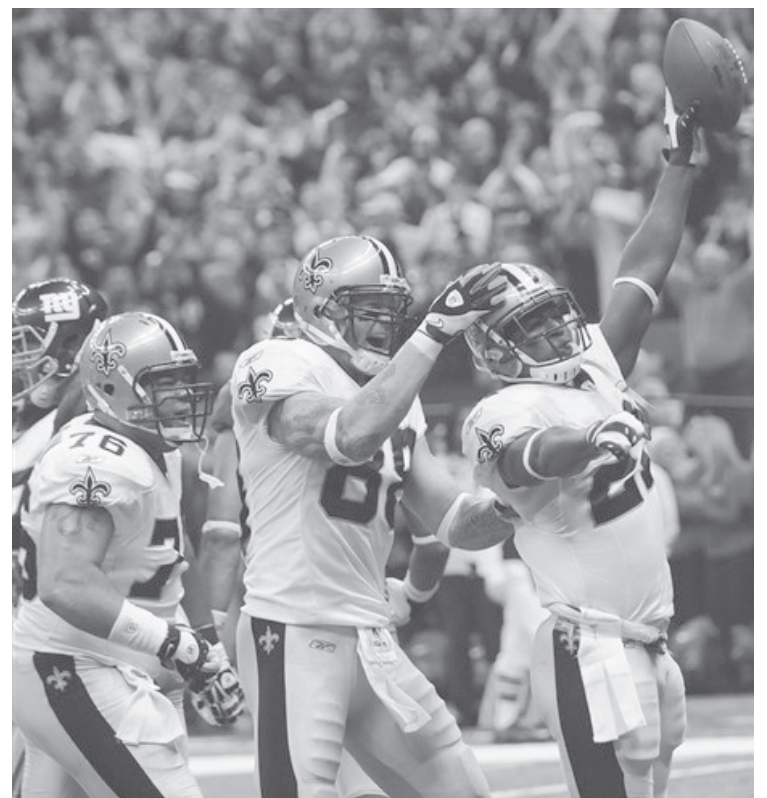
Favre and Pittsburgh passer Ben Roethlisberger.

And with the Steelers’ Rashard Mendenhall emerging as a running threat behind what has been a suspect line, each team can move on the ground. Minnesota’s Adrian Peterson leads the league in rushing. Peyton Manning and the Colts know that St. Louis took Jacksonville to overtime on the road last week. How much does that really matter?

Manning has been as good as ever, which is saying a lot for a three-time league MVP. He has set a team record with five straight 300-yard games, and can tie the NFL mark with a sixth.

“He is playing outstanding, and I think that is an understatement,” Colts coach Jim Caldwell said. “He’s always been excellent since he arrived here, but he’s at a different level now.”

Another mismatch could be the annual game at Wembley Stadium between the New England Patriots and Tampa



New Orleans Saints running back Mike Bell, right, is congratulated by teammate Jeremy Shockey (88) after Bell scored a touchdown against the New York Giants defense during an NFL football game in New Orleans, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009.

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Bay Buccaneers. New winless team, Tennessee. The Buccaneers have lost 10 straight games dating to last a 59-0 annihilation of another season. □

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New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez, right, and Derek Jeter react as they watch the ninth inning of Game 5 of the American League Championship baseball series against the Los Angeles Angels Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, in Anaheim, Calif. The Angels won 7-6.

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The Game 5 theatrics continued right up to the final pitch, when Angels closer Brian Fuentes retired Nick Swisher on a full-count popup with the bases loaded.

Everybody thought we were down," Angels outfielder Torii Hunter said.

Game 6 is Saturday night at Yankee Stadium, with Andy Pettitte facing Los Angeles' Joe Saunders.

Also in the forecast: a huge rainstorm.

When Cano put New York up 6-4, everything in somber

Angel Stadium pointed to a clinching victory and a 40th AL pennant for the Yankees.

Instead, the Angels showed off the knack for late-game comebacks they've possessed ever since their run to their only championship in 2002.

"It's a missed opportunity, but we still have another game," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. "We've bounced back from tough losses all year long. We've had it happen to us before and been able to get off the carpet."

Although two games in the

Bronx — and shutdown starter CC Sabathia — still stand in the Angels' way, the collapse raised the slightest echoes of what happened to the Yankees' last big lead in an ALCS. The Red Sox famously rallied from an 0-3 deficit in 2004, making a late rally to win Game 4 before finishing off the biggest comeback in baseball history in seven games.

Only six teams have rallied from a 3-1 deficit to win a league championship series — most recently in 2007, when Boston came back against Sabathia and

Cleveland on the way to a title. Including the World Series, 11 of 70 teams that fell into a 3-1 hole have made the comeback.

Lackey cruised through the first six innings after Los Angeles scored four in the first, and the ace reacted with audible disappointment when Scioscia pulled him. Reliever Darren Oliver yielded a three-run double to Mark Teixeira on his first pitch, and Hideki Matsui added a tying single.

But the Angels added another comeback to a season full of them.

Jeff Mathis and Erick Aybar reached base to chase A.J. Burnett, the big-money free agent who's still winless in three postseason starts. After Mathis scored on Bobby Abreu's RBI groundout, Guerrero's dribbling single against reliever Phil Hughes eluded a diving Derek Jeter to tie it — and Morales put the Angels ahead with the latest clutch hit of his breakout season.

"That's not a forgiving team over there," Scioscia said. "They hit pretty quick in that inning with six runs, and we bounced back and answered with three. In the dugout between innings, guys were still pumped up. Just some real good hitting." □

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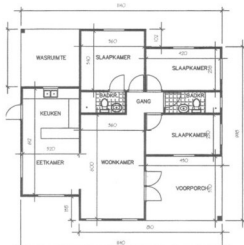
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Según ministro de Defensa de Colombia, Gabriel Silva

Mayoría vuelos narcotráfico salen de Venezuela

BOGOTA (Reuters) - La mayoría de los vuelos ilegales al servicio del narcotráfico con destino a Centroamérica y Estados Unidos proceden de Venezuela, denunció el viernes el ministro de Defensa de Colombia, Gabriel Silva, con lo que abrió un nuevo foco de polémica con el vecino país.

Las declaraciones del funcionario colombiano podrían reactivar la discusión sobre el tema entre los Gobiernos de Bogotá y de Caracas, que enfrentan una crisis en sus relaciones diplomáticas que comenzó a afectar el comercio binacional.

“El número de trazas que se detectan saliendo desde Colombia hoy en día es bastante marginal.

Desafortunadamente la mayoría de las trazas detectadas y que terminan en la zona de Honduras, como quedó confirmado con ese avión que llegó allá, pasan por territorio venezolano”, dijo Silva a periodistas.

El funcionario se refirió a una denuncia del Gobierno de facto de Honduras sobre el aterrizaje de un avión carguero venezolano

repleto de drogas, a comienzos de esta semana.

“El esfuerzo nuestro ha logrado trancar de manera significativa el tráfico de drogas por vía aérea, hoy en día nuestro principal desafío es el tráfico de drogas por mar, en lanchas rápidas y en semisumergibles. Nos preocupa muchísimo que exista la posibilidad de casi un tráfico libre por territorio venezolano hacia Centroamérica”, agregó.

Autoridades de Estados Unidos sostienen que Venezuela se ha convertido en un centro de acopio de drogas desde donde se envía por vía aérea a Centroamérica y Estados Unidos, así como a países de África occidental antes de ser transportada a Europa.

El Gobierno del presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, el más fuerte crítico de Estados Unidos en la región, acusó recientemente a la Central de Inteligencia de Colombia de ser un cartel de las drogas y de estar implicada en planes para permitir el paso de cocaína a su país para luego ser exportada ilegalmente sin complicidad de su administración. □



El ministro de defensa colombiano, Gabriel Silva, 6 oct 2009. REUTERS/Fredy Builes

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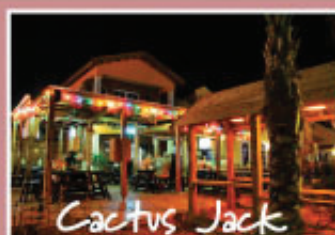


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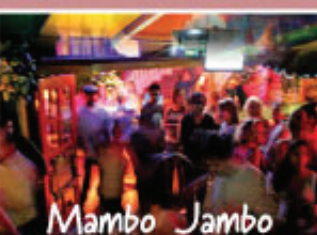
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